

Meals Containing Porcine, Poultry and Aquatic Animal Materials for Animal Feeding or Industrial Use for Export to Mexico

Mexico prohibits the importation of ruminant origin meat and bone meal (MBM) from the United States, including mixed species MBM. A facility must be approved before it can export rendered meals derived from swine or poultry. Aquatic animal meal facilities, spray dried facilities, and digest manufacturers are exempt from these requirements.

APHIS Veterinary Services has a process for inspecting and recommending approval for facilities producing rendered poultry and swine meals. To be eligible, the facility must be dedicated and follow Mexico's processing requirements. Exporters should contact APHIS Veterinary Services to determine if the facility is approved by Mexico's SAGARPA SENASICA, or if it can be approved.

Under Mexico's current regulations pertaining to meals for use as feedstuffs and intended for export or as ingredients in pet foods for export to Mexico, any rendering facility that either handles or stores ruminant materials on the same premises cannot be approved. VS Area offices should not recommend such facilities for approval.

Please note that Mexico SENASICA requires certain traceability information for each product lot of rendered meals for animal feeding or industrial use, and the lot number is to be listed on the official animal health certificate. For each lot, the production date, the packing or shipment date, and the expiry date should be presented in a supplemental declaration from the exporting company. This exporter's declaration must be cross referenced to the certificate, and show lot numbers as well as the name of the official, their position within the company (acceptable examples: owner, president, quality control manager) and signature. The original and a copy of the supplemental declaration are required at the time of presentation of the product.

SENASICA Mexico also requires that an original and copy of an appropriate manufacturer's certificate of quality control and/or analysis accompany the shipment of each lot being exported. Agricultural health inspectors will retain the copy after verification of the original. SENASICA Mexico advises that the product will be inspected on entry to verify that an appropriate label identifies the species of origin for the meal except if the product is shipped in bulk. Further, if the product is determined to be contaminated with ruminant proteins, it will be authorized importation.

Exports of rendered meals containing *only* aquatic animal ingredients for animal consumption may be certified by either USDA/APHIS/VS or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The following certification statements are required on the Export Certificate for Animal Products (VS Form 16-4) and continuation page VS form 16-4A as needed for swine, poultry, and/or fish meal products or combinations of these being exported to Mexico. A notarized affidavit from the manufacturer is required to support these statements on the export certificate issued by APHIS Veterinary Services.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the following statements: / *Esta oficina cuenta en su expediente con una declaración notariada de [nombre de la compañía] que verifica la exactitud de las siguientes declaraciones:*

1. The manufacturing or rendering plants which processed the meals for export does not process proteins of ruminant origin. / *La planta elaboradora o de rendimiento en la que se procesó la harina a exportar, no procesa proteínas de origen rumiante.*
2. The meals are packaged and shipped utilizing appropriate measures to prevent commingling with other animal origin ingredients during transport, including appropriate cleaning of the shipping container when necessary. / *Las harinas son empacadas y enviadas utilizando las medidas adecuadas para prevenir el mezclado con otros ingredientes de origen animal durante el transporte, incluyendo la limpieza de los contenedores de transporte cuando sea necesario.*
(For product containing porcine or poultry origin meals, certify statements 3-12 below.)
3. The product originates from the United States. / *El producto es originario de los Estados Unidos.*
4. The product is derived from slaughterhouses under official control. / *El producto procede de plantas de sacrificio bajo control oficial.*
5. The rendering plants from which the meals proceed are approved and classified by SAGARPA and carry the following SENASICA SICPA reference number(s) . / *Que las plantas de rendimiento de las que proceden las harinas se encuentran aprobadas y clasificadas por la SAGARPA conforme a la NOM-060-ZOO-1999, indicando el número de la clave de planta del Sistema de Información de Consulta de Plantas Autorizadas (SICPA) del Servicio Nacional de Sanidad, Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria (SENASICA).*
Note: The SENASICA SICPA reference number called for is the same as the APHIS reference number.
6. The rendering plant heat treated the product to a minimum temperature of 80° Celsius for a minimum of 30 minutes. / *La planta de rendimiento procesa los tejidos a una temperatura mínima de 80° C durante 30 minutos (NOM-060- ZOO-1999).*
7. The maximum moisture content of the final product did not exceed 10% at the end of processing. / *La humedad del producto final no excede de 10%, a la salida del cocedor (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
8. The plant maintains records for all incoming raw materials, including type and origin, quantity, and the date received, such that there is evidence that the manufacturing plant does not process ruminant proteins. / *La planta cuenta con los registros de ingreso de materias primas que contienen el tipo y origen de la materia prima, fecha y cantidad, que*

comprueban que en la planta en la que se elaboró el producto no se procesa proteínas de rumiantes (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).

9. The plant maintains heat processing (time-temperature) graphical records for each lot of product manufactured. / *La planta cuenta con los registros gráficos de temperatura-tiempo de cada uno de los lotes procesados (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
 10. The plant maintains records that document the final exit moisture for each processed lot. / *La planta cuenta con los registros de la humedad final de cada uno de los lotes producidos (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
 11. The plant maintains detailed sales records of meals produced. / *La planta cuenta con registros detallados de las ventas de las harinas (NOM-060-ZOO-1999).*
 12. For blending plants: the raw materials used at the plant proceed from rendering plants with a valid authorization from SAGARPA/ *Para el caso de plantas mezcladoras: la materia prima usada en la planta proviene de plantas de rendimiento con autorización vigente del SAGARPA.*
- (For product containing meals of aquatic animal origin, certify statements 13-16 below.) / *(Para los productos que contienen harinas de pescado, certifique las declaraciones del 11 al 14 abajo indicadas).*
13. The product and its ingredients originated in the United States of America or were legally imported from (indicate country of origin). / *El producto y sus ingredientes se originaron en los Estados Unidos o fueron importados legalmente del país indicado.*
 14. The product was manufactured in an establishment under official controls. / *El producto fue elaborado en un establecimiento bajo control de las autoridades oficiales.*
 15. During the processing of the meal, the product was heated to a minimum temperature of 70° Celsius for a minimum of 5 minutes. / *Durante la elaboración de la harina, el producto fue sometido al menos a 70° C al menos por 5 minutos.*
 16. Necessary precautions were taken after treatment to prevent contact of the product with raw materials. / *Se tomaron las precauciones necesarias después del tratamiento térmico para evitar el contacto con productos crudos.*